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V CORPS TASK FORCE PINS BRANCH INSIGNIA, NEW RANK ON WARRANT OFFICERS

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, TIKRIT, Iraq – Task Force Danger units here held a ceremony in the base gymnasium July 9 to award branch insignia to warrant officers and rank insignia for Chief Warrant Officer 5s.

The event was scheduled to coincide with the 86th anniversary of the founding of the Army's Warrant Officer Corps.

The insignia for Chief Warrant Officer 5 replaces the old Master Warrant Officer insignia that has been used since 1988, said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jamie Haas, safety officer for the 4th Brigade of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division.

The change is Armywide.

Originally, officers with the grade of Chief Warrant Officer 4 received the title of Master Warrant Officer, with no promotion in pay grade. In 1991, the grade of Chief Warrant Officer 5 was recognized, but those elevated to that rank continued to wear the insignia of Master Warrant Officer, Haas added.

Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Mundt, 1st Infantry Division's assistant division commander for support, pinned the new rank insignia on four of the task force's six Warrant Officer 5s.

Unit commanders then pinned branch insignia on the collars of 78 warrant officers assigned in 13 Army branches, in place of the "rising eagle" insignia of the Warrant Officer Corps.

